

October 11, 1958

Memo: To Dean Alway

Dear Bob:

I am enclosing the fiscal pages of an application for a research grant to the NIH in support of a project on "Phenotypes and Genotypes of Antibody-Forming Cells." I expect to spend about a fourth or third of my research time in this area, and the main purpose of the application is to finance Dr. Nossal whom I have invited to come to Stanford for one or two years beginning next July. He is a physician who is now completing his Ph.D. with Burnet in Melbourne, and I collaborated with him on the same problem last fall. He is a very able fellow. He is not whom I have in mind for the regular staff appointment in mammalian genetics, however, his interests being more along immunological than genetical lines, and his visit to the US being in any case temporary. I hope the title 'research associate' is appropriate to the circumstances.

The deadline for receipt of this in Bethesda is November 1, and it will still take me some time to prepare the scientific outline and justification. I thought the most expeditious procedure would be to ask you to clear the enclosed pages and return them to me for forwarding to Bethesda. I have left blank the space for the \$ requested on the front page in case any changes are called for a/c Stanford policies. I expect to get some additional application blanks next week if any changes are called for on the budget pages (as we can clear by phone is necessary.) I will of course send you a copy of the entire application in the form transmitted to Bethesda.

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The grant picture can be summarized as follows: my NSF grant (for \$20,000) will be reviewed in 2 or 3 weeks; I have firm but private assurances of its approval though I doubt if NSF has that much money. (2) I have written to Rockefeller for preliminary approval of transfer of about \$5,000 to tide us over for a while next spring (this being the primary source of Esther's salary); if they give tentative approval I will clear through channels ~~xxxx~~ both UW and SU. (3) The NIH can and doubtless will approve transfer of my grant here on microbial genetics; as soon as I get the necessary letter from Bowers, I will send you a package for SU endorsement. (4) The 'preliminary overtures' to Fred Stone you already have. (5) I will have to write up a training grant program (which I hope will be able to cover salary on our assistant professor); deadline is December 1. All this doesn't add to the time I have in the lab and I'll be pleased if (4) works out to consolidate all the projects. Except for our initial construction and equipment, these grants in the mill should cover most of our running research expenses. If Rockefeller is holding back I do suggest you drop a line to the Jane Coffin Childs Fund for Medical Research in New Haven. They might be chary of a straight equipment item, but you might be able to sell them an assistant professorship 'X', along with. If you have to drop a hint on personalities you could mention the name Willys Silvers, but I hope in utter confidence until I've approached him. I've had my eye on him for some time as an alternate to Mitchison; at present he's at Wistar Inst. in Phila. (see this week's Science for a paper with Billingham.) Mitchison exemplifies the appointment at least as well, but one couldn't honestly suggest that he appears to be interested.

Good hunting,

Joshua Lederberg